



MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION Priorities ...

- 200-yr Vision – America's Watershed implementation & diverse buy in
 - o MRC signed a working Vision on 20 Aug 2009
 - vision has system-wide focus
 - vision compliments a national vision
- Infrastructure
 - o Use MRC process of listening, inspecting, and partnering to increase awareness of the deteriorating infrastructure in the Mississippi Valley and the Mississippi drainage basin
 - o Through already-established relationships, develop plans to address infrastructures in the valley and the basin; lead federal efforts
 - o Use MRC process to increase and improve infrastructure investment in the valley and the basin
- Environmental Sustainability
 - o Integrate science based, sustainable and resilient work into all projects (life-cycle costs)
 - o LCA: Explore innovative approaches/solutions such as water / sediment diversions
- Comprehensive Flood Control
 - o MR&T (Miss River Levees, Morganza to the Gulf)
 - o Upper Miss Comprehensive Plan
 - o Communicate MRC/MR&T process as successful model to follow in the six major sub-basins comprising the worlds 3rd largest drainage basin – the Mississippi, MO, OH, Red, AR, IL River basin and tributaries.
- Navigation – available and improving delivery
 - o Address container on barge for 2013
 - o Dredging of small ports and harbors
 - o Navigation, Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP)
- Water Supply
 - o Prolonged drought concerns/storage of runoff
 - o Aquifer depletion

as of August 21, 2009

Since 1879, the seven-member Presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission has developed and matured plans for the general improvement of the Mississippi River from the Head of Passes to the Headwaters. The Mississippi River Commission brings critical engineering representation to the drainage basin, which impacts 41% of the United States and includes 1.25 million square miles, over 250 tributaries, 31 states, and 2 Canadian provinces.

Listening, Inspecting, Partnering and Engineering since 1879